

Preliminary Amendment
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A2 a reduction ratio of 10 to 30%, at the end of which second step said steel is in the austenitic range.

8. The process as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that, after the strip has been cast, it is made to pass through a region in which it is subjected to a nonoxidizing environment.

9. The process as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the strip is subjected to a descaling operation before and/or during the hot rolling.

10. The process as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that said forced cooling is carried out at a rate of 100 to 300°C/s.

11. The process as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that said forced cooling starts when the strip is in the ferritic range of said steel.

A3 12. The process as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the strip is coiled at a temperature below 750°C between the forced cooling operation and the cold rolling operation.

13. The process as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the reduction ratio of the cold rolling is at least 85%.

14. The process as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that said cold rolling is carried out in a single step.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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